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Dear Sir:

Responsive to the Office Action dated August 8, 2006, reconsideration of the claims is requested in view of the following.

Claims 25-29 and 44 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. 101 on the grounds that they lack a tangible result.

MPEP 2106.II.A states that "[t]he claimed invention as a whole must produce a "useful, concrete and tangible" result to have a practical application"... , and that "[o]nly when the claim is devoid of any limitation to a practical application in the technological arts should it be rejected under 35 U.S.C. 101."

Pending Claim 25 is shown below:

25. A method for enabling product configuration market research comprising the steps of:

sending market research software from a network addressable site, via a network, to one or more computer systems which when executed by said computer systems enables each user of said computer systems to select the features of a product configuration not available via the software for purchase;

displaying via said market research software a total price value of the product at each of said computer systems in accordance with price values of said selected features separate from the operation of said network addressable site;